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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PRODUCT FOR ALLEVIATING ROUTER CONGESTION

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A method, system, and product are described for alleviating router congestion when the router is processing packets transmitted by computer systems having a congestion notification capability. The router marks packets transmitted between a first computer system and a second computer system when the first and second computer systems have the congestion notification capability. The marking indicates that the router is moderately congested. A marked packet is then received by the first computer system. The router then drops packets transmitted by the first computer system when the packets were transmitted subsequently to the receipt of the marked packet.